GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ADVERTISEMENTS FOR INSTALLATION OF PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has directed the public sector oil companies to cancel their advertisements for the want of potential and commercially viable sites under land owner category for the installation of petrol pumps to watch their commercial interests; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a)& (b) : While the Government has not directed the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) to cancel their advertisements for installation of retail outlets (petrol pumps) under land owner category. The provisions in the guidelines for OMCs to select their dealers, which provide for allotment of dealerships, etc. without recourse to advertisements were reviewed and the OMCs were directed to follow the following procedure :-

The OMCs should, after receipt of direct offers of land, assess the viability of the location and if the same is found viable, OMCs must release an advertisement in two leading newspapers, which are in circulation in the area, stating the fact that they have received offer(s) of land for dealerships, etc., and are inviting similar offers from others. Further, these advertisements must indicate that the final selection of the dealer will be on the basis of evaluation of the lands offered and evaluation of the candidates in respect of other parameters as provided for in the guidelines.